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## Former Blues player grew cannabis to pay off drug debts

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A FORMER Everton player, who was caught growing cannabis plants in his home, walked free from court last Friday.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that William Kenny admitted allowing the plants to be grown in his home to pay off a drug debt and the 30 plants found by police were the second crop in six months.

Kenny, known as Billy, played for Everton and Oldham Athletic, before his career was blighted by injury and later by alcohol and cocaine abuse.

He played for the England Under 21s but retired as a professional player when he was just 21.

Chris Hopkins, prosecuting, said that the plants, which were not ready for harvesting, had a potential yield worth up to £30,000 on the streets of Merseyside.

Police raided his home on January 16 and found the cannabis farm in his living room along with high powered lighting system and extraction ducts. The electricity meter had been by-passed and small piece of cannabis worth £15 was also found.

He admitted he had allowed others to set up the operation because of a drug debt.

Kenny, 39, of Stanley Park Avenue, Anfield, pleaded guilty to two offences of producing cannabis, abstracting electricity and possessing cannabis.

Judge David Aubrey, QC, sentenced him to 14 months imprisonment suspended for two years and placed him under supervision for 12 months with attendance on a drug rehabilitation course.

# TWO ARRESTS AFTER TEEN'S ECSTASY DEATH

Report by **Holly Rummens**

TWO men from Litherland have been arrested following the death of teenager Sophie Leigh Balmer from Walton.

The 18 year old was rushed to the Royal Liverpool University Hospital on Sunday, September 15 after taking a lime green 'Rock Star' Ecstasy tablet.

The former Hugh Baird College student was taken to the hospital at around 1.40pm after complaining of feeling unwell, and died a short while later.

A post mortem examination is currently being carried out to establish the cause of death.

The girl's family have been informed, and are flying in from their home in Ireland.

Tributes and sympathy have poured out to Sophie and her family, her cousin William Lee Burgess wrote on Twitter: "You will always be missed but never forgotten my sweet lil cousin."

Whilst one of her friends, Lauren Wafer said: "Can't believe this has happened RIP Sophie such a lovely and loving person."

Detectives are attempting to find out where the drug came from, and have issued a urgent

warning informing people not to take this type of tablet.

A 19 year old and an 18 year old have been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of a controlled drug and are being questioned by detectives.

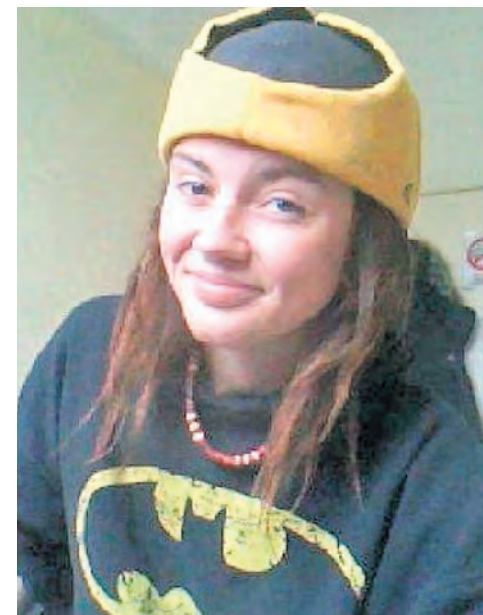
A Merseyside Police spokesperson said: "We believe the deceased may have taken a green coloured 'Rock Star' Ecstasy tablet shortly before she died.

"As a precautionary measure we are warning people not to take this type of tablet."

The 'Rock Star' drug which was used by the 18 year old had a five pointed star motif embedded onto the tablet which is believed to be similar to some tablets found in Scotland in March this year when seven people were hospitalised and one died after they were allegedly sold as 'Ecstasy'.

If the post mortem confirms the cause of death was a result of the tablet it would be the second time in 18 months that someone has died as a result of an Ecstasy substance on Merseyside.

Inquiries are underway to find out where the tablets were bought and officers are appealing to anyone who may have information to contact Merseyside police on 0151 777 6064.



Sophie Leigh Balmer died in hospital shortly after taking an ecstasy tablet.



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# Ex-footballer on cycling mission for surgeon who helped save his life

Report by **Holly Rummens**

FORMER Everton FC player Kevin Sheedy is backing the surgeon who helped save his life.

Paul Skaife, consultant surgeon at Fazakerley Hospital, who treated Kevin for bowel cancer last year, will cycle from Liverpool to Paris to raise funds for the Beating Bowel Cancer Charity.

The 500-mile route started at the Radio City tower in the city centre, from where the group cycled down to Dover, take a ferry across the English Channel to Calais and then cycle on to Paris, where they will finish under the Eiffel Tower.

Kevin, who also made a number of appearances for Liverpool, said: "The team at Aintree were incredible when I was undergoing treatment but the key is to diagnose the cancer early."

"My life was saved through early detection and I hope this bike ride will help raise awareness of the cancer and the symptoms to look out for."

Paul, along with Andrew Smallwood, a chemical engineer at Rockwood Additives Limited, Tony Crilly, HR director for Invensys Energy Controls, David Axon, chief executive of Consilia and Peter Mounsey, head of operations advisory at Grant Thornton, are hoping to complete the journey in five days.

Ahead of their gruelling task which started on Tuesday, September 10 Kevin invited the group to Everton's training ground to wish them good luck.

Paul said: "We've been cycling together at weekends for the past few months to help build up our endurance and the support from Kevin will be a great boost if we feel our energy levels start to drop."

"It's important for people to be aware of the



**Former Everton player Kevin Sheedy and Consultant Surgeon Paul Skaife at a bowel cancer awareness event.**

symptoms of bowel cancer so that, if they spot them, they can go to their GP immediately to get themselves checked out."

Rachel Thomas, from Beating Bowel Cancer in the North West, said: "We're incredibly grateful for the support the team has given the charity and wish them the best of luck on their journey to Paris."

Donations can be given at [www.justgiving.com/teams/BeatingBowelCancer](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/BeatingBowelCancer)

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# Drunk office worker warns of murder spree

Report by  
Court Reporter

A DISGRUNTLED tax office worker threatened to stab his colleagues to death because of a grudge he held after being sacked.

Gordon Redfern, a clerical worker, had appealed after his dismissal for gross misconduct and was re-instated in March this year but still harboured resentment against managers and colleagues, a court heard.

He made a drunken phone call to the police in the early hours of March 25 saying he was having "murderous thoughts" and was thinking of tying up and killing workers at the Litherland House tax office in Bootle, Merseyside.

Police armed with tazers were sent to the office to protect staff while acting Inspector Lyndsey Nelson contacted Redfern on his mobile.

She told him it was now "impossible" for him to get to his colleagues and 51-year-old Redfern, who sounded "amused" replied, "It's going to take more than a police car to stop me."

Liverpool Crown Court heard that

## Redfern told police he had murderous thoughts about his colleagues

she asked him if he still intended to try to kill the workers and Redfern who sounded "determined and controlled," said, "Oh, yes."

Police were sent to arrest him at his home in a former school in Walton Breck Road, Anfield but his room was empty. A later check using a police sniffer dog found him lying in an adjacent abandoned room. He was wearing pyjamas and slippers with a meat cleaver and large steak knife lying next to him.

Redfern, who said he had drunk four

litres of cider the night before and was on anti-depression medicine, told how he had heard the police helicopter overhead and went and hid but later came back to wait for them.

Redfern had been due to stand trial but pleaded guilty to threatening behaviour and was sentenced to four months imprisonment. As he has spent six months on remand awaiting the trial he was expected to be released from prison.

The judge, Recorder Stuart Driver, QC, said Redfern had maintained an "unreasonable and unfounded grudge" against "innocent colleagues".

"The police, quite rightly, took it very seriously. When your colleagues attended work the next day they were informed and protected. This caused them considerable anxiety and fear.

"The court accepts there is no evidence you intended to kill or harm anybody but I'm quite sure you intended to cause fear and you succeeded."

He imposed a restraining order preventing him from approaching four former colleagues or entering Litherland House.

## Charity 'zippers' raise money for city hospital



SUPERHEROES and hen parties were among the 160 'zippers' who took part in a charity event held at the Liverpool's Pier Head.

The Zip for Walton event is expected to raise tens of thousands of pounds towards building relatives' accommodation at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust.

Former Liverpool footballer David Fairclough and his children Tom (pictured) and Sophie all enjoyed the experience of 'flying' from the roof of the Port of Liverpool Building, across the waterfront plaza.

Tom said: "I was a bit nervous stepping off the roof but then I really enjoyed it, it was a brilliant experience. And I'm delighted that we've been able to support such a

fantastic cause."

It was the first time the specialist neuroscience trust had staged a zipwire event and organiser Kevin Byrne paid tribute to everyone who helped to make it a big success.

He said: "We are so grateful to Downing for allowing us to use their fabulous building; and to the contractors who provided services free of charge, such as Titan Scaffolding and Kier.

"We have had a fantastic response from our staff, former patients and their families and others who have dug deep to raise sponsorship - and faced their fear of stepping off the roof of a very high building!"

Bride to be Karen Billington and her bridesmaids Rachel Hull and Vanessa Collins, used the zip to kick off a day of hen party celebrations.

## Bowled over by cricket success



Pamela Boardman with the Newsham Park cricket club team

HUNDREDS of people flocked to a free cricket themed event in Newsham Park, Liverpool, which was also attended by the Fire Fit team from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service.

Junior cricket activities, for children 6 years and older, and free coaching sessions were available throughout the event.

Music was provided by a gospel choir and the Sea Cadets from West Derby and the Liverpool Model Boat Club were also at the event along with the Fire Fit climbing wall and smoothie making bicycle.

Councillor Peter Mitchell, the Mayoral lead on Parks and Open Spaces, and Councillor Wendy Simon, Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism, attended the event along with staff from Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service.

Pamela Boardman, Chair of Newsham Park Cricket Club, said: "It was an amazing day and the morning session was excellent too. In the end we had about 250 youngsters joining in our activities, and they had a wonderful time. There was cricket coaching for young people on the day and other activities and community interest groups at the event. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the event and helped on the day.

A senior 20/20 cricket match

between Newsham Park Cricket Club and the Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service (MF&RS) cricket team also took place.

The MF&RS cricket team won the game by five wickets. It is understood to be the first official cricket match to be played at the park for 40 years.

Pamela said: "This was the first official cricket game to be staged at and played in Newsham Park for 40 years, we are reviving what was once a thriving sport in the area and will continue to stage matches in the future."

Group Manager Gary Oakford, who heads up the Fire Fit programme at Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service and attended the event, said: "One of the aims of the open day event was to highlight Fire Fit, to encourage more young people to become active in our communities and build on the links already in place between Kensington Community Fire Station, Fire Fit, the members of Merseyside Fire & Rescue service cricket team and the local communities where our firefighters are based."

Junior and senior cricket players are welcome to join the cricket club on Tuesdays at 6pm for seniors and Wednesdays at 6pm for juniors. For more information email [npcc1895@gmail.com](mailto:npcc1895@gmail.com)



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# Attacks on cash machines

A NUMBER of warrants have been executed in connection with an ongoing investigation into attacks on cash machines in Merseyside.

Since the beginning of May there have been six attacks on ATMs throughout Merseyside.

Detective Superintendent Chris Green said: "These incidents are being thoroughly investigated by a dedicated team of specialist Matrix officers."

"There have been similar attacks in other parts of the country and we are working with other forces to identify if there are any similarities between the incidents. If these people are crossing force boundaries to commit these crimes the public can be reassured that we are linked in with other forces and together we are determined to bring these offenders to justice."

"Only two weeks ago a car believed to be involved in two of these incidents was recovered in an industrial premises in Knowsley as part of the ongoing investigation."

"The vehicle is currently undergoing extensive forensic examination in a bid to identify those involved and it has already provided us with some proactive leads."

"We are continuing to use resources available to us such as technology and forensics in our investigations into these attacks. Through our enquiries we have gained an understanding of the methods being used by these offenders in the execution of these crimes."

"This type of crime is still rare on Merseyside and these incidents have been opportunistic and have taken place when the banks have been closed and at times when there has been no one around."

"But with that said the actions of these individuals are still dangerous and extremely reckless."

"Those responsible, when caught, could face life imprisonment if charged with recklessly endangering life or conspiracy to commit explosions."

"The public are our eyes and ears and if anyone sees anyone acting suspiciously in the vicinity of a bank/ATM we would urge them to contact us, as their information could be vital in bringing these offenders to justice."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Merseyside Police on 0151 777 5687 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## Champ Rayban winners

THE winners of the Rayban competition, which was held in a recent edition of the Champion, were: Ross Lowey, from Parbold and Mr Shaylor of Crosby.

# Adventure weekend delights children

OVER 70 children from across Sefton enjoyed a week long adventure residential in Shropshire during the summer holidays.

The 72 thrill seeking youngster took part in activities such as abseiling, bmxing, archery and rock climbing as well as spending quality time with friends.

The project was run by Sefton Children's Trust (SCT) and was free to the young people who attended thanks to funding from a number of sponsors including local housing provider Adactus Housing Association (AHA), Children in Need, the Co-Op Community Foundation, the Liverpool One Foundation, local churches and Rotary & Lions groups.

SCT is a charity which works with children and young people from families, who are experiencing difficulties to provide respite, build relationships and deliver educational and recreational programmes for personal and social development.

Lindsay Greenhalgh, Neighbourhood Development Officer for AHA, said: "The adventure holiday was a real success and of great benefit to so many children."

"I must also say that the volunteers from Sefton Children's Trust are truly inspirational."

Pam Mutch of SCT said "We are very grateful for the funding we received from our sponsors that ensured this event was able to go ahead - everybody has had a great time! Without this event many of these youngsters would not have been able to have such an experience."

Adactus still has £15000 available for community projects in the Sefton area.

For further information contact Lindsay Greenhalgh on 0845 505 3355, email [grantwest@chorleych.co.uk](mailto:grantwest@chorleych.co.uk) or visit [www.adactushousing.co.uk](http://www.adactushousing.co.uk)

## Training programme launched for youngsters

A NEW programme has been set up to deliver training for young people in low employment areas of Liverpool.

Everton Football Club along with national company Westley Group hope to address the issue of low work readiness in young people.

Skills Minister Matthew Hancock said: "I want these innovations in training to test out new approaches that will be built around the flexibility of the employer and provide the workforce they need. It is rewarding to see that so many businesses were interested in taking part in this programme. I look forward to these pilots producing dependable growth in the economy and helping the country pull ahead in the global race."

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# Killer just wanted to 'know what it was like'

## Hoyle sentenced to life behind bars after 'remorseless' knife murder

Report by  
Court Reporter

A COURT heard how a Merseyside man ruthlessly stabbed another man to death to see what it was like to kill someone.

Jailing James Hoyle for life a judge told him that he is "a very dangerous man and is likely to remain so."

38-year-old Hoyle had only been released nine days earlier from a five year jail sentence for battering a homeless man with a metal bar when he stabbed Lee Doyle to death in temporary accommodation in Walton.

Judge David Aubrey, QC, sentenced Hoyle, on Friday September 13, to serve 23 years before he can apply for parole.

He had pleaded guilty to murder.

"You told police you had very little care for human life. You told police during your interview you felt no remorse for that which you had done and you always wondered what it was like to murder someone.

"You said you had no sympathy or empathy. You uttered the chilling comment that they were just words on a Scrabble board," said Judge Aubrey.

Ian Unsworth, QC, prosecuting, said that 24 hours before stabbing Mr Doyle four times in the neck, Hoyle had told a probation officer that he liked custody and "he would choose if he went back there".

Liverpool Crown Court also heard that after leaving prison he had been having thoughts about killing someone.

He went to his lodgings on Dunluce Street, Walton, where Mr Doyle, who was a drug addict, was also living, and in the early hours of March 22 this year, murdered him.

Neighbours heard a high pitched scream at around 2am and bare chested Hoyle emerged onto the street, saying: "Could you phone the police? I seem to have killed a smack head."

Police who arrived on the scene found Hoyle calmly packing a bin bag with clothes as Mr Doyle's dead body lay in a pool of blood.

The court heard that one officer described it as "a surreal situation" and said he found "Hoyle quite scary. It appeared that he had just murdered somebody but was so calm about it."

When he was arrested on suspicion of murder he replied: "There's no suspicion about this. He's been dead for half an hour. I've killed him."

Hoyle had taken two paring knives and without warning plunged them into Mr Doyle's chest and neck, with one of the blades snapping off and being left in his flesh.

"The murder was carried out with ruthless precision. One knife struck the heart of the deceased, another severed his jugular vein. The deceased had no chance of survival and died at the scene," said Mr Unsworth, QC.

Hoyle told police that Mr Doyle had: "Just p\*\*\*\*ed me off so thought sod it and got a knife and stabbed him."

He said his intention was "To kill, not scare him 'cos I don't scare people 'cos people just decide to try and be scarier so I thought just end the situation altogether."

Hoyle added he felt no remorse which was in his view a useless emotion.

## Merseyside artists called on to exhibit in Alice's new gallery



The Art Gallery, based on Stanley Road in Bootle

An artist wants Liverpool residents to get out their paint brushes after she opened a new gallery for local exhibitions.

Alice Lenkiewicz, 49, is the curator of The Art Gallery, on Stanley Road, and wants to encourage nearby residents to get involved and show off their own art.

She is the daughter of one of the most celebrated English artists of

all time, Robert Lenkiewicz, who produced over 10,000 pieces of work.

Alice, originally from Plymouth but now living in Litherland, said: "I decided to open the venue in Stanley Road because it is sometimes viewed as a deprived area but I believe there are creative people in Bootle who can contribute to my galleries."

"I have found the whole experience totally fulfilling and I want this to continue despite certain knock backs."

The first ever exhibition, called "Order and Chaos, was held in June but it was met with criticism and claims that it would never work."

"I didn't have a lot of time to organise the exhibition and it was a case of trial and error."

"But there have been three more events since then and I think they are slowly starting to grow in success."

"I am now looking for local residents of Bootle to provide innovative and cutting edge work".

Alice studied Art, Design and English at Edge Hill University before moving to Toxteth where she opened up her first art gallery.

"I have always found art to be a passion and it has always been a massive part of my life."

"I was actually studying at university whilst I was pregnant so you can imagine that was a challenge!"

If you want to become a member, it is £10 a month.

## Anfield regeneration project takes another step forward



Dignitaries at the opening of the Anfield Project Office.

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Report by  
Holly Rummens

THE ANFIELD regeneration project has taken another step forward with the official opening of its first dedicated project office in the heart of the area.

Located at 60-62 Burnand Street, The Anfield Project Office is focused on supporting residents and members of the public in the Rockfield and Anfield elements of the wider £260m scheme.

There are also details on display of the wider Anfield project plan which is designed to transform the area close to and around the stadium. These plans were unveiled in June and details of feedback generated by the public consultation are also on display.

Run by registered social landlord, Your Housing Group – a partner of the regeneration scheme – the office is open daily to offer assistance and advice on a range of issues, including re-housing, acquisition of properties and improvement works to private dwellings.

The office will also host a number of surgeries, including sessions by Liverpool in Work – who will offer advice and guidance for those seeking employment and training.

The regeneration around the Rockfield and Anfield areas,

which is currently underway, involves the refurbishment of 562 homes and the demolition of 299 dilapidated properties.

Councillor Ann O'Byrne, Liverpool City Council's Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "We are driving forward with our housing and regeneration vision for Anfield, and local people are finally beginning to see the results, in bricks and mortar, of plans that have been talked about for too long."

"I hope it will prove to be a valuable resource for the community, and a real focal point for local people to look at plans, access support and advice, ask questions and find out more about the work we are doing."

"We want to create homes that people want to live in, within a revitalised neighbourhood that we can all be proud of. To do that, it's vital that we communicate effectively with local residents, engage them, keep them updated and place them at the heart of everything we are doing."

Brian Cronin, chief executive of Your Housing Group, said: "We are pleased to now have an office in the heart of the regeneration area dedicated to serving the residents of Anfield. Its central location is a convenient base for those living in the surrounding streets and offers a hub for information and meeting needs."

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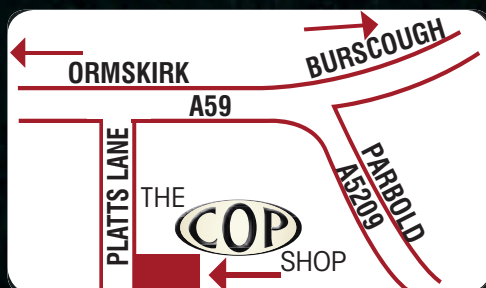


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# Art gallery in call for memorabilia

A GALLERY is calling for people to share their memories in a new local history exhibition.

The people behind the Art Gallery on Stanley Road in Bootle are looking for artwork, memorabilia, books, print and news cuttings to go onto their Bootle, Crosby and Liverpool history exhibition wall, which will go on show in October.

Alice Lenkiewicz, 48, who lives in Litherland with her daughter Stazia, started up the business in June.

She said: "It was not easy getting started up but we have had four successful exhibitions already, featuring Rock and Roll and pop, and the themes of 'order and chaos' as well as 'crossing borders' and 'facing the city'."

The current exhibition, which is on until Saturday, September 28, features a creative

mixture of artworks not based on a theme as Alice asked them to exhibit whichever painting they most wanted to show.

She said: "I am an artist myself and I always really enjoyed organising art events."

"It started as a hobby but I found myself organising more art events and really enjoy helping other artists."

"Originally I had the gallery online and ran events at different places across Liverpool – then I got the chance to open the Gallery in Bootle."

"Artists need support and they need their work to be seen. I hope people come forward with really different items for us to feature in the new exhibition."

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The dead squirrel found in the chimney

## ...and other strange things found by sweeps

by Tom Martin

A HOME owner "turned white" after a dead squirrel was found in her chimney which had been there for over 40 years.

Wilson's Chimney Specialists, based in Crosby, made the startling discovery from behind a gas fire and now believe the animal had been there since 1971.

The woman was left visibly shaken as she had no idea the rotting rodent had been living with her in the house.

She said: "I had absolutely no idea it was there."

"We are refurbishing the place at the moment."

"I had been outside at the time but I was called back into the house because one of the workers said there was a rodent."

### Parrot

"I thought it was a live one so you can imagine my surprise when I found out that it was basically a fossil!"

Crosby sweep, Steven Wilson, 37, made the discovery and told the Champ it is all part of the job.

He said: "I was carrying out the work when I saw something at the back of the fireplace."

"The woman just turned white but I scooped the squirrel up and I put it in the back of my van!"

"I have been working for Wilson's Chimney Specialists since 1998 and I have come across some weird things in the past."

"One time I found a dead parrot which had belonged to one of the neighbours."

### Top 5 strange chimney discoveries:

1) In 2013, a suspected thief was found after he tried to get into a pawn shop in Arkansas.

2) £871,495 was once found up the chimney stack in the Bradford home of Baber Bashir, a conman who had gained the money through fraud.

3) A 100 year-old note to Father Christmas was found in Dublin.

4) Early Australian settlers were very superstitious and would often hide either a shoe or a dead cat inside their chimneys.

5) Researchers at Queen's University in Kingston once found over fifty years' worth of bird droppings in a university campus



# Cardiac arrest calls halved at Aintree hospital

Report by **Holly Rummens**

AINTREE University Hospital have more than halved their number of cardiac arrest calls by using an innovative approach to dealing with emergency patients.

The Fazakerley based hospital have their own Medical Emergency Team (MET) which consists of an experienced group of medical practitioners, including surgeons, critical care doctors, medical physicians and theatre technicians, who respond to emergency calls when an alert is raised.

The MET is available 24 hours a day and since becoming operational in November 2009, the team have successfully reduced calls each year. The most recent figures have shown the team have decreased calls from an average of 293 calls per year between the years 2006 – 2008 down to 119 calls between 2012 and 2013.

Patients are continuously observed on wards by nursing and junior medical staff and, if they suspect a patient's condition is deteriorating, they can raise a MET call.

Within minutes, some of the most senior and experienced staff in the hospital are at the patient's bedside, taking advanced emergency equipment with them which is ordinarily unavailable outside of Intensive Care.

Sandra Lamb, MET Deputy at Aintree University Hospital, said: "Since it was set up, the MET has had a noticeable effect on patient safety. We have enabled critically ill patients to receive expert help regardless of their



**June Taft, outreach and MET coordinator Aintree University Hospital.**

geographical location in the hospital.

Already, the MET has received a number of awards and has been praised as an innovative approach to caring for the acutely ill patient, which provides improved patient safety.

Most notably at the Health Service Journal Awards in 2011, one of the UK's biggest awards ceremonies in healthcare, the MET were highly commended for patient safety in the Critical Care category."

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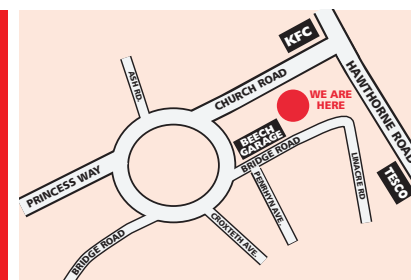
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# Evolve event will aim to help tackle ‘legal highs’

A CHARITY group are set to host a star-studded evening at Aintree Racecourse to help raise thousands of pounds to tackle “legal highs”.

The event, on Saturday, November 2, is organised by Evolve and involves a host of celebrity appearances from ex-cast members of Brookside, entertainment, and a three course meal.

The dangers of volatile substance abuse (VSA), which includes inhaling helium from balloons, results in the death of one person every week on average in the UK.

In July 2012, 23 year-old Gary Bass, from Heswall, tragically died after taking an unknown pill whilst on a night out with friends and Evolve has been helping his mother, Hilary, ever since.

Alison Hodgson, a qualified counsellor who works on behalf of Evolve, said: “Not many people know about the dangers of VSA and we need to spread the word.”

Report by  
Tom Martin

“We want this event to raise awareness but it also promises to be a great night out for anyone who wants to attend.

A report by the Centre for Social Justice found that last year 52 people in England and Wales died after taking legal highs, up from 28 the previous year.

The charity event will be sponsored by Windowworld, and a spokesperson said: “We are proud to sponsor the event because it is such a worthwhile cause.

“When I was told of legal highs, it opened my eyes to the dangers and not many people know a lot about it”.

Celebrity guests include Stan Boardman, Micky Finn, Asa Murphy and a lot more.

The gala starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £50 each or a table for ten is £475. For more information, call 07449 477737.

## Police look out for thoughtless parkers

LOOK out – there’s a police officer about!

Community bobbies in Lydiate, Maghull, Melling and Aintree Village are on the look out for parents and guardians dropping off and picking up children from school who thoughtlessly park causing obstruction to other road users – including pedestrians.

Inspector Phil Hatton

by Jim Sharpe

warned this week that it is an offence in itself fully to block a pavement causing danger to people on foot who have to step out onto the road in order to get past.

“These offences are having a major impact on residents and will be dealt with robustly, with offenders facing prosecution,” he warned.

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# Champion **LETTERS to the Editor**

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## Public need open access to able to brownfield site plan documents to examine them properly

Re: 'illegible' brownfield plans article.

It is not good enough for Sefton director of built environment Alan Lunt to say "all our figures, documents and studies will be fully scrutinised at a Public Examination" because it will not be the public scrutinising them.

The scrutiny will be by the Planning Inspectorate be 'in' public, 'not by' the public.

The public can register their views for the Inspectorate to see but they cannot form considered views if all they have to work on are documents and reports than are unclear for them.

Nor is it sufficient to say that citizens may "discuss the finer details" at the "many public events."

For one thing, these events are not 'public.' In order to attend one, it is necessary to make an

appointment; thus, other members of the public cannot witness the debate between questioners and council officers to contribute to it or to make their own judgements from what they hear.

Moreover, officers cannot be expected to offer neutral advice to residents on how to interpret the 'finer details' when it was the same officers who wrote or commissioned the documents in the first place.

What is required is for council officers to enable citizens to have open access to clearer documents now, so they have time to register 'considered' critiques of the Plan for the Inspectorate to view at the Public Examination.

To offer one example of why this is necessary, one expert's report being used by the council, states that the River Mersey drains into the

North Sea. I recently sailed through the North Sea and can reassure readers it has not moved from the east coast of Britain to replace the Irish Sea on our west coast.

Given such a bloomer, why should we assume the rest of the report is any good, why should we automatically trust the council's judgement on these matters when they tell us everything is hunky dory?

I am grateful to Peter Greener for trying to hold council officers to account on this very important issue because, apart from Fragoff and a baby's handful of councillors, too few others seem to be doing so.

Graham Nelson,  
Sefton

## Labour only ask us when it suits them

I read in the Champion that Labour run Maghull Council claims that we Lib Dems get included in things.

A more accurate view would be 'when it suits them.'

Since Labour snatched control of the council, in May 2011, we have seen three rounds of their councillors resigning as in-fighting has dominated everything.

Frankly, we find out more by reading the Champion than we do from the council about what it is doing or proposing to do!

These days there are few written reports to the council; vague verbal reports having been substituted.

What's more the council failed to set a budget this year within the proper time limits but then claimed that it had.

The council has been a shambles since Labour took over.

As for Labour's supposedly independent green belt survey it should have been done two years ago.

Labour failed to defend our precious green belt in 2011 and now they are looking to cover their tracks whilst voting on Sefton Council to build on the very green fields that Maghull Town Council should be fighting for.

Cllr Tony Robertson,  
By email

## Don't forget about food production

I trust that when Councillors McKinley and Gatherer send out their Local Plan survey to the 900 Maghull residents they also point out that the land, as well as being on the green belt, is also amongst the best most versatile farmland in the whole country.

Last year Britain became a net importer of wheat for the first time in a decade.

The NUF says that because of weather the UK going to have to import most of its fruit and veg.

Can we really afford to give up this highly productive farmland?

Peter Greener,  
Lydiat.

## Tree artist thugs are a disgrace

I was very upset to read about the treatment afforded to the volunteer artist Roy Bouffler.

As users of Victoria Park, myself and my family have long been admirers of Mr Bouffler's art.

Ten thugs who have bullied this talented man are a disgrace to Waterloo.

What kind of family breeds thugs like these, somebody must know who they are. If anybody close knows them, name them and shame them and tell the Police.

Very best wishes to Mr Bouffler, I feel so sad on his behalf.

Name and address supplied

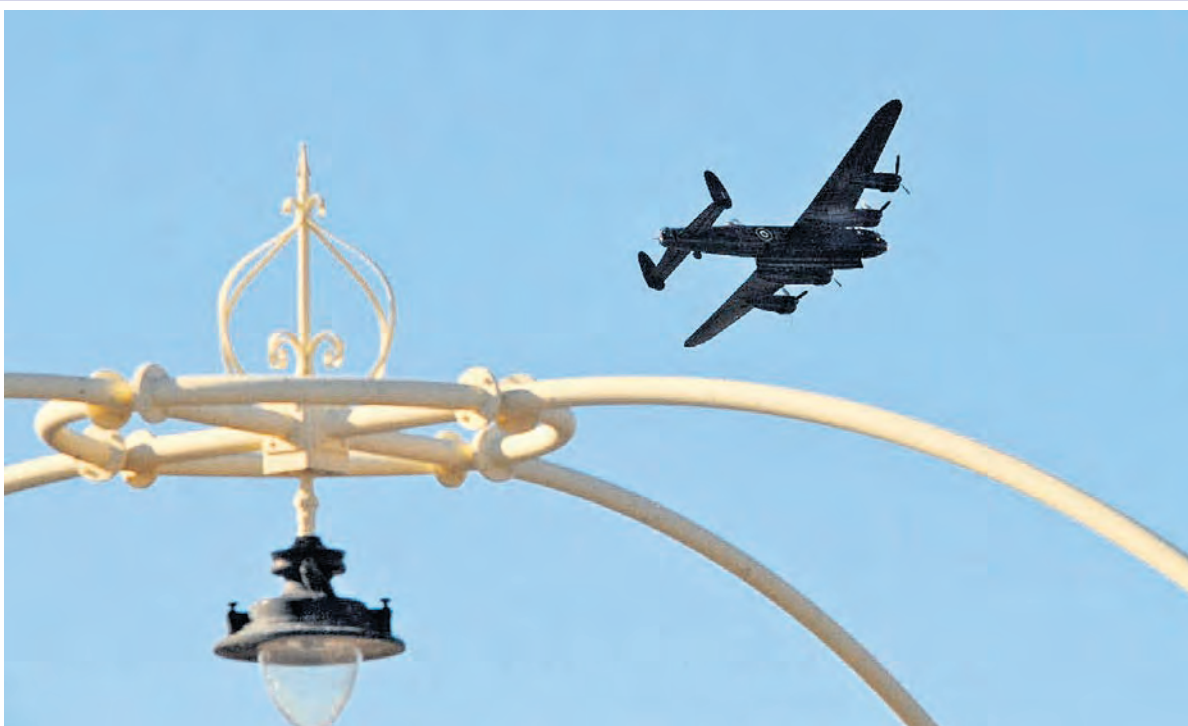
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### Bomber flypast

The unmistakable outline of the Avro Lancaster – one of only two remaining airworthy bombers – which graced the skies over Southport when the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight staged a flypast at Saturday's 2013 Airshow.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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## Thanks for handing in purse

I would like to say thank you to the kind lady who handed in my purse into the Home & Bargains store in Maghull on Saturday, August 3.

Name supplied,  
By email

DUE to technical problems it is possible that letters sent by email to the Champion from September 4 to September 11 may not have reached us. If you emailed any letters to us in that period, please feel free to email them again. Thank you.

## Great memories of The Priory

Re: letter from August 21 from Jim Kimmance on the Priory pub in Litherland.

At one time this was called the Litherland Hotel.

I am saddened at the thought of it being demolished.

My grandfather was the licensee years back when I was a little girl and I have great memories from my childhood of the bowling green.

I know things have to change but at what cost? I have lived in Litherland many years. My grandfather's name was Joseph Woods Tyrer.

I hope the petition goes well.

JE Ely, Maghull

## Horried at theft of hanging baskets

My two beautiful hanging baskets have been stolen.

I could not believe it, I have lived here for over 20 years and this is the first time anything has ever been taken.

I am horrified and disappointed.

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# MP's £190k costs due to 'heavy workload'

Report by **Louisa Austin**

RECENTLY released figures show that Sefton Central Labour MP Bill Esterson is the most expensive of all 15 MPs in Merseyside, claiming more than £190,000 last year in staffing costs for his office together with expenses.

Southport's John Pugh claimed £149,027.46 and Bootle's Joe Benton £132,248.06, according to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority.

This was on top of the salary of £65,700 paid to all MPs.

Mr Esterson said the figure was due to the costs of dealing with the heavy workload of his office.

Bill Esterston said: "Most of the budget is spent on staff salaries and the cost of running a busy constituency office."

"Each year, an MP is given a budget to spend on staff. Because of the sheer level of the workload coming into my office, I use the full amount of that budget."

"The people that I have working with me are a dedicated team who go above and beyond in ensuring that the people of Sefton Central get the help and the service they need."

"In any given week, we deal with hundreds of individual cases from constituents on anything from disabled and seriously ill people wanting help dealing with benefits to local and national campaigns."

"Helping constituents who are in need, is what I see as being the primary responsibility of a good constituency MP."

"My team is trained up in dealing with all manner of issues which are brought to my attention, from national issues to specifically local concerns. From changes to the benefits system to getting help for people as and when



**Bill Esterson MP.**

they need it. Being an effective MP is not a 9 to 5 Monday to Friday job.

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# ‘Lilly the Pink’ helps fight against cancer

by **Holly Rummens**

A REPLICA model pink fire engine has been designed to help promote cancer awareness throughout Merseyside.

Last year Merseyside Fire and Rescue launched the UK’s first ever working pink fire engine in support of the Year of Action on Cancer.

Dubbed as ‘Lilly The Pink’ the appliance was unveiled by Liverpool model and cancer charity supporter Amanda Harrington.

Lilly has been enhanced with a variety of cancer awareness messages and important information about early diagnosis. The engine is a fully operational appliance and has attended fires as well as events including the Race for Life at Aintree Racecourse last year and Liverpool Pride in August this year.

Now, Oxford Diecast has made a 1:76 scale model of the fire appliance, which retails at £15.25 and is available from [www.oxforddiecast.co.uk](http://www.oxforddiecast.co.uk). In total 1,500 models have been produced and a donation of £2.50 from



Scale model of the pink appliance that is hoped to raise cancer awareness. Code NA

each model will be made to Cancer Research UK – making a total of £3,750.

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service Deputy Chief Fire Officer Phil Garrigan said: “Our pink fire appliance has been seen by hundreds and hundreds of people since it was unveiled last year and really stands out among the Service’s red fleet.

“We continue in our aim to provide Safer, Stronger Communities and if the pink appliance can help the

early detection of cancer in one person that will be a great achievement.”

The idea for the paintwork and messages on the appliance came from Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service Group Manager Paul Hitchen, who lost his own father, Bill, to oral cancer 20 years ago.

The paintwork on the full-scale, operational pink fire appliance was funded by what was then Liverpool Primary Care Trust, before NHS restructuring.

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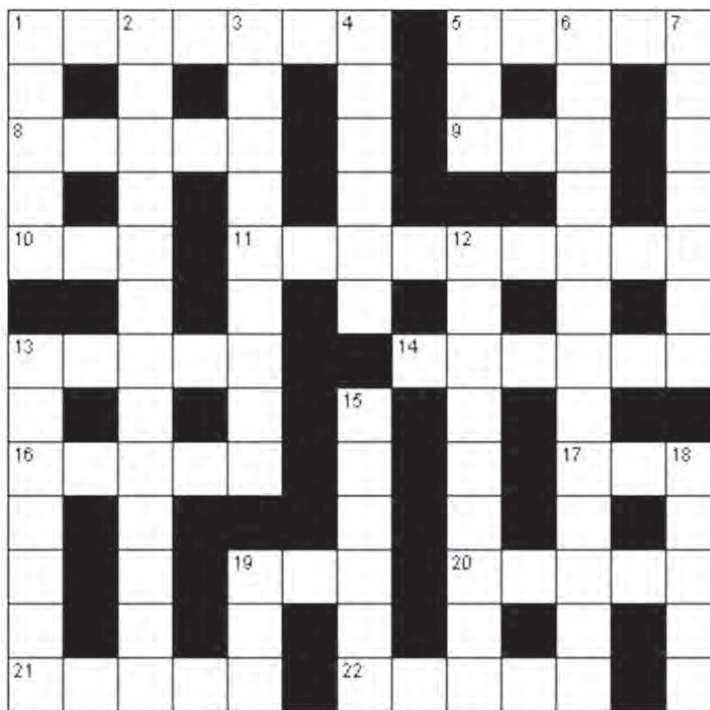
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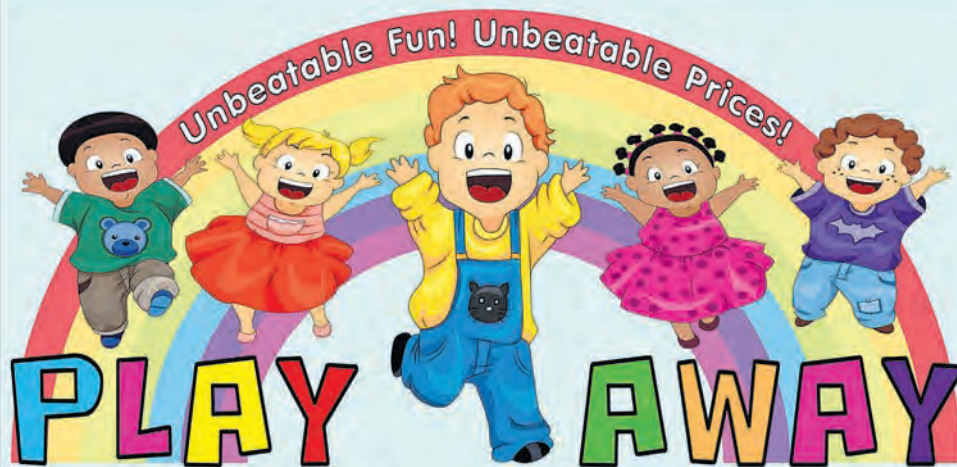
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# Paralympic legacy is struggling, warns Sefton's Vitalise

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

A SEFTON based charity says urgent work is needed to sustain the paralympic legacy.

A new survey one year on from the Paralympic Games by disability charity Vitalise, who run the Sandpipers respite break centre in Southport, has found that the 'feel-good factor' is flagging and urgent work is needed to sustain the Games legacy.

Despite hopes that the Games would change attitudes, improve understanding and lead to greater inclusion of people with disabilities in society, Vitalise's study has found that 6 out of 10 (59%) of people with disabilities say there has been no perceptible change to their lives one year on from the Games, increasing from 40% who said the same immediately afterwards.

Suggesting that the Paralympic legacy may be on the wane, 7 out of 10 respondents believe the general public does not have a better understanding of the day to day lives of people with disabilities, compared with 5 out of 10 (54%) directly after the Games, and only 7 out of 10 respondents think the public's perception of people with disabilities has changed, compared with 8 out of 10 this time last year.

As a result, only half (50%) of the people with disabilities and carers surveyed feel more positive one year on from the games, compared with three quarters (74%) immediately after the Games.

In the light of the findings, Vitalise is

## Disability charity claims 'feel-good factor' is flagging!

urging society as a whole to do more to reinvigorate and sustain the Paralympic legacy beyond the first anniversary of the Games by engaging with the day to day lives of people with disabilities and helping them play a much more significant role in society.

Vitalise Chief Executive Chris Simmonds commented: "The London 2012 Paralympics were a glorious demonstration of the power people have to overcome any barrier and inspired disabled and non-disabled people alike.

"It would be a crying shame if that outpouring of goodwill and enthusiasm were allowed to fade away. Sadly, our survey shows that just one year on from the Games, that amazing legacy may be in trouble.

"That's why we're calling for people from all sectors of society to get behind the Paralympic legacy and do what they can to ensure the capabilities and achievements of people with disabilities are not forgotten."

Vitalise has been providing essential short breaks for people with disabilities and carers at Sandpipers and its two other accessible UK centres since 1963 and is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2013.

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## Additive obsession is just nuts

IDLY hardly watching telly the other night I heard an advert for an anti-wrinkle cream.

It seems this particular potion or lotion does NOT contain alcohol.

My only reaction to this piece of information was 'so what?' I mean, this particular concoction was never, I suppose, supposed to be drunk, and even the tiniest of children would probably balk at ingesting a smelly paste.

Then again, other such preparations make a virtue of having no smell at all – as opposed to those who think an expensive scent will improve sales.

Personally, the only goo I ever use is a preparation which goes by the name 'Dog Oil', which doesn't smell or stain – though so far as I know it has never been subject to TV advertising so a large proportion of the population probably doesn't know that – or indeed what it's for anyway.

And no, I wasn't attracted by its canine connotations, it was suggested to me some years ago after I'd strained something or other climbing on and off boats while on holiday.

Now I swear by it and keep a tub of the stuff in the bathroom cabinet for the occasional muscular ache or pain – now regrettably increasingly frequent.

I neither know nor care what goes into this particular preparation. Though from the list of ingredients (is that the word?) it doesn't seem to contain anything particularly significant. So far as I am concerned, the stuff does its job – and that's good enough for me.

But back to the wrinkle cream that makes a virtue of being alcohol free.

I suppose this must be of significance to at least some of its prospective users – though assuming alcohol does figure in other similar preparations I also assume that for some reason others think it's a good thing.

A bit like washing powders and liquids which make a virtue of being biological – or non so. Or toothpaste with or without fluoride.

And then there are soft drinks which proclaim they do not contain any artificial sweeteners. I tend to go for those because a fruit drink should surely be that and not full of 'E' numbers (which I've never been sure are bad, good or just 'there').

But if there are no artificial sweeteners, then perhaps it contains genuine sugar – which is, I'm told, yet another demon that is bad for me.

Anyway, that TV anti-aging cream (I only wish they did exactly what they say on the tin – I'd buy them by the dozen if they'd really stop me getting older).

It gave me an idea.

Perhaps I could get myself onto 'Dragon's Den' and offer 15% of the equity in my new venture 'Ageless' (get it?) – see I've thought of the name and everything.

I could advertise my wonderful new anti wrinkle preparation as being totally free of diesel particulates and sulphuric acid. And I'd mean it too. Not a hint of either would appear in my otherwise cheap to produce gloop which hopefully would do nobody any harm at all.

Mind you, I'd probably have to add the caution 'may contain traces of nuts' because apparently everything does these days.

And if my expensively packaged preparation didn't sell as well as hoped, I could simply change it – the expensive packaging, not the goo – and, Hey Presto, we've got 'Footnote', good for hard skin and guaranteed free of pesticides and lactose.

## Awards ceremony for autism heroes

SEFTON families and individuals affected by autism are being invited to nominate a person or service that have made a real difference to their lives for a national awards ceremony.

The National Autistic Society (NAS) has just opened nominations for the second annual Autism Professionals Awards, which take place in March 2014.

There are eight categories which recognise and reward services and professionals that lead the way in innovative autism practice and make a real difference to the lives of people with autism in the

UK. The charity would like to hear from anyone in the borough who feels that an organisation, teacher, doctor, psychologist or any other professional has had a significant influence on their lives or those of their loved ones.

They might be a teaching assistant who has gone the extra mile to support a child's development at school or an outreach service that has been instrumental in helping an adult to develop their social skills and reach their full potential.

The 2014 Awards will be presented at the NAS' Professional Conference on

March 4 at the Harrogate Royal Hall Theatre, where the eight winners will receive recognition for their outstanding achievements.

The Judging Panel will consist of leading autism experts from a variety of professional backgrounds across the UK.

Carol Povey, Director of the Centre for Autism at the NAS said: "Groundbreaking work is going on across the UK to help improve the lives of people with autism and it is vital that we take the time to appreciate the individuals behind this success and celebrate their efforts."

"While autism can have a profound and sometimes devastating effect on individuals and families, we want to highlight just how much people with autism can achieve, if they are given the right support."

"The calibre of last year's entries was outstanding and we are excited about receiving nominations for the 2014 awards."

The closing date for entries is October 27 and to find out more information about the awards or to make a nomination visit [autismprofessionalsawards.org.uk](http://autismprofessionalsawards.org.uk) or [ollie.cowan@champnews](mailto:ollie.cowan@champnews).

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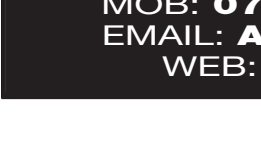
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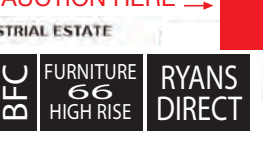
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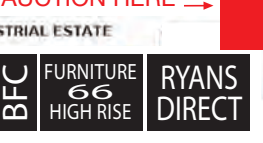
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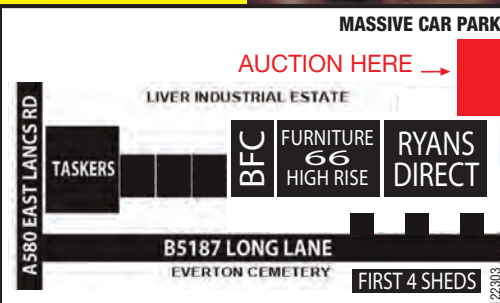
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## Is this the last croak of summer?

Champion reader Nita Kenny from Lydiate sent us this picture of a frog in her garden which she entitled Last Croak of Summer

and judging by the recent weather, it seems that sadly she may be correct!

# Carol hailed for helping people to stop smoking

ONE of Sefton's Stop Smoking Service lead nurses has been recognised for her efforts in helping people to stop smoking by receiving an award from a health magazine.

Carol Mills, primary care nurse lead, was commended for The Advisor of the Year Award 2013 for the work she does within the team motivating Sefton residents to quit cigarettes.

A spokesman from The Advisor said: "We have had a very high standard of entries for the awards and it has been inspiring to read so many reports of the work

people are doing in smoking cessation and tobacco harm reduction which is enjoying so much success."

Colette Kearney, team lead for the service, said: "Carol's work within primary care has been invaluable in encouraging more people to stop smoking. She has built effective relationships with a number of Sefton pharmacies which mean smokers ultimately reap the benefits by leading a smokefree life."

Carol will be featured in the autumn issue of The Advisor. If you want to stop smoking, call Healthy Sefton on 0300 100 1000.



Carol Mills with her award.

## Coffee Morning at The King's Church

A CHURCH in Thornton is holding a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care.

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# Prisoner mentoring project to be extended after lottery grant boost

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

## Support scheme has succeeded in reducing re-offending rates

A PROJECT based in Sefton which uses mentors to support prisoners and reduce the risk of them reoffending is set to expand after being awarded a lottery grant.

Following a successful pilot scheme – one of only two in the country – the Merseyside Offender Mentoring Project has been awarded Big Lottery Fund cash to continue for a further three years. The programme is also receiving

financial support from the office of Merseyside's Police and Crime Commissioner.

The funding will enable the project – which is managed by Sefton CVS – to support prisoners from across Merseyside in future, rather than only offenders with a Sefton or Liverpool connection.

The aim is to improve links between prisoners leaving custody and the community, which is

seen as key to helping offenders change for the better. It helps build positive relationships with prisoners prior to their release, providing help which reflects their individual requirements, and support and opportunities which will prevent them from re-offending.

The project also works closely with HMP Liverpool and Merseyside Police. Project leaders say figures indicate it has been

successful with significant reductions in the number of offenders returning to custody among those who had participated.

Project manager Vicky Olsen said: "This project helps offenders with their rehabilitation and keep them away from crime – which helps the community."

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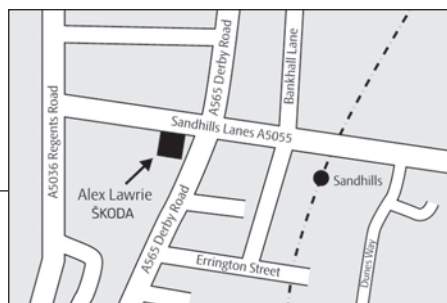
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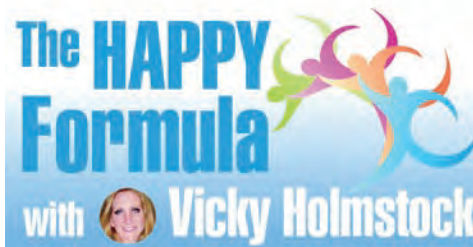
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When we eat carbohydrates (that's bread, potatoes, pasta, cakes, rice, desserts) our bodies break it down into a substance called glucose, a form of sugar.

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When we eat carbohydrate our blood sugar levels rapidly increase, so, to restore balance, the body releases a hormone called insulin.

Insulin's job is to transport the excess sugar out of the blood and send it somewhere else.

The body's favourite place to store excess sugar is in the adipose tissue (body fat) and in particular it loves to store it around the waist. In essence insulin is a fat storage hormone.

The more carbs we eat the more insulin is produced and the more the body stores the excess as fat. Over time the body's cells stop listening to the insulin, (a bit like the boy who

## Leafy salad and berries will cut your carbs.

cried wolf) so the pancreas, which produces the insulin has to release more and more in an effort to be heard.

The more the body becomes insulin resistant, the more insulin the body makes and the more the body stores fat around the waist.

The good news is that it is a condition that is reversible.

By controlling the amount of carbohydrates we eat we can take control of our insulin levels again.

Choose a diet that consists of mostly green leafy vegetables, low sugar fruits (such as berries), nuts, seeds, lean meats, fish and eggs. Keep carbohydrate portions as a small accompaniment rather than the majority of your meal.

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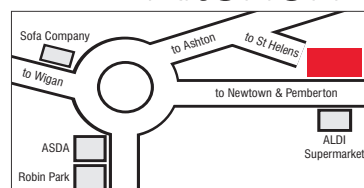
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# Crime chief backs diversity project

Report by  
Holly Rummens

POLICE and Crime Commissioner Jane Kennedy has supported a new project aimed at increasing diversity within Merseyside Police force.

The Merseyside Commissioner has given her backing to the Phoenix Leadership Programme, a positive action initiative aimed at increasing recruitment of under represented groups in the police force.

The programme aims to encourage women, ethnic minorities, gay, lesbian & bisexual people and people with a disability to apply to join the Force.

The first course will be held on October 7th – 11th at Mather Avenue Training Academy and there is space for 20 students. It is hoped this course will be the first of many, leading to the programme becoming embedded within the Force.

Jane Kennedy said: "The public want to see a police force which is representative of all the communities it serves. Currently, this is not always the case and some groups sadly remain under-represented within



Jane Kennedy

Merseyside Police. It is high time this changed.

"The Phoenix Leadership Programme is an innovative initiative aimed at tackling this issue to ensure the Force truly represents the Merseyside public. I would urge any young people who are interested in helping serve their communities and the wider public to consider applying for this inspiring project."

The course consists of a one-week programme which will cover presentation and leadership skills, team building and resolving conflict. This will then be followed by three one-day workshops over the following

12 months, which will help to embed the skills which have been learnt and track the students. The programme also includes a work experience module with the Force so that students can gain a true insight into the realities of life as an officer. Mentoring support will also be offered to the students to support them in the recruitment processes.

The course will be run by Detective Inspector Irene Afful, who has worked with the Force since February 1991 in a wide variety of roles, both uniform and investigative. She is a trained mentor who has also worked on youth engagement initiatives and leadership training in schools.

Detective Inspector Afful said: "It has long been a passion of mine to increase the diversity of Merseyside Police so that it reflects the community it serves at every level and in specialist departments. This is a step towards achieving that goal. It is an honour to be leading on this project on behalf of the organisation and the staff support networks."

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# Be carbon monoxide safe, residents urged

AS THE AUTUMN and winter months starts to draw in, Sefton residents are being urged to become carbon monoxide safe.

On Saturday September 21, Aintree Fire Station will be holding a carbon monoxide awareness event, where Labour MP Bill Esterson will reaffirm his pledge to support the charity's eighth National Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week.

The Carbon Monoxide Awareness campaign encourages people to take appropriate steps to ensure that they are properly protected against the threat of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning as the cold weather sets in.

Tragic deaths occur every year from CO poisoning from unchecked fuel and wood burning appliances, such as boilers, heaters and cookers.

The latest figures show that there are around 50 deaths from accidental CO poisoning in England and Wales and around 200 non fatal cases that require hospitalisation. However the charity believe this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Many of these deaths occur during the winter months due to faulty fossil fuel and wood burning appliances.

Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless gas – often dubbed the 'Silent Killer' – and can kill quickly if inhaled in high concentrations. The symptoms of

poisoning are similar to flu or food poisoning, and include headaches, nausea and dizziness.

Bill Esterson praised the Aintree-based Carbon Monoxide Awareness charity for making sure that more and more people know about the dangers of CO.

He said: "It's vital that people take the necessary precautions to avoid the tragic loss of life that can occur from carbon monoxide poisoning. Never make the mistake of thinking that CO poisoning won't happen to you. It can happen to anyone."

"While CO is difficult to detect, there can be tell-tale signs that indicate there could be a problem. The signs of trouble could be black sooty marks on the radiants, or yellow instead of blue flames from gas appliances."

"If you see any of these signs, turn off the appliance, open your windows and have an appropriately registered engineer service the appliance as soon as possible."

"The message is clear; don't leave it to chance. Get your appliances checked and get an alarm. It could save your life."

Carbon Monoxide Awareness charity founder Lynn Griffiths said: "Saturday's event is designed to raise awareness of the dangers of carbon monoxide and to get everyone to pledge their support for the eighth national Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week in November."

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GUMP performing in Liverpool One

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## Band hit the right notes to win contest

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

FIVE schoolboys from Crosby have won a recording contract in a music competition held at Liverpool One.

The band, GUMP, who all attend Merchant Taylors', stunned judges with their cover of the popular Daft Punk song Get Lucky to win Liverpool One's Tickle the Ivories competition and earned themselves four hours of recording time at Parr Street Studios in Liverpool on Sunday, September 8.

Sam Jones (lead vocals, lead guitar), Harry Maitland (vocals, drums), James Redpath (piano), Freddie Johnson (guitar) and latest member Ben Truman (bass guitar, violin, mandolin) took part in the third Tickle the Ivories Festival which saw hundreds of performers fill the city with music using the six

pianos placed across Liverpool One between July and September.

GUMP was formed when the boys first joined Merchant Taylors' Boys' School two years ago and they won a school Battle of the Bands competition in June and a recording session at Tonewood Studios.

The boys were delighted to win.

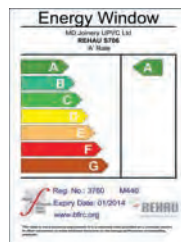
Ian Crawford, assistant director of music at Merchant Taylors' said: "It's great to see the energy and enthusiasm that the boys bring to the diverse musical activities on offer to them at school."

"It's been especially exciting for me as a music teacher to see GUMP grow in confidence as they get used to performing. This external recognition is a well-deserved result of their dedication and hard work."

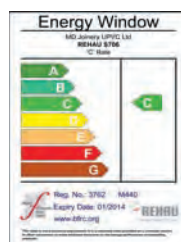
"I have no doubt that it will spur them on to even greater success and I cannot wait to hear the studio tracks!"



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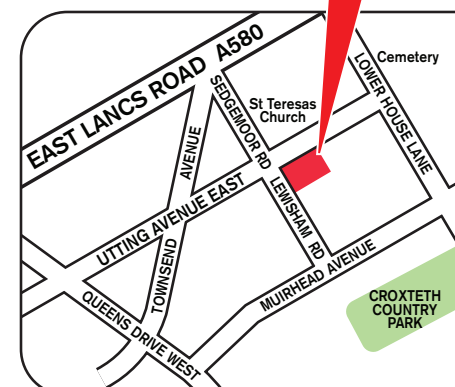
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| <b>Maghull</b><br><br><b>Towers Avenue</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Largest of the Sefton Semi Detached Houses</li> <li>• Separate Lounge and Dining Room</li> <li>• Fitted Kitchen, Sun Room</li> <li>• Three Bedrooms,</li> <li>• Contemporary Bathroom</li> <li>• Gardens Front, Side and Rear, Garage</li> </ul> <b>£199,950</b> | <b>Maghull</b><br><br><b>Broxholme Way</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Bedroom Detached House</li> <li>• Sitting Room</li> <li>• Lounge</li> <li>• Dining Room</li> <li>• Fitted Kitchen</li> <li>• Bathroom, En Suite, Gardens Front and Rear</li> </ul> <b>£190,000</b>                                                                | <b>Maghull</b><br><br><b>Westover Close</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Bedroom Semi Detached House</li> <li>• Porch, Hall, Lounge</li> <li>• Dining Room or Sitting Room</li> <li>• Fitted Kitchen Breakfast Room</li> <li>• Conservatory, Shower Room, Loft Room</li> <li>• Gardens and Garage with Utility Area</li> <li>• NO CHAIN</li> </ul> <b>£172,500</b> | <b>Maghull</b><br><br><b>West Meade</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Bedroom Semi Detached House</li> <li>• Hall, Lounge Through To Dining Room</li> <li>• Fitted Contemporary Kitchen, D/G, C/H</li> <li>• Contemporary Bathroom Suite</li> <li>• Gardens Front and Rear,</li> <li>• Garage NO ONWARD CHAIN</li> </ul> <b>£170,000</b> | <b>Maghull</b><br><br><b>Towers Avenue</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semi Detached Bungalow</li> <li>• Lounge</li> <li>• Fitted Kitchen</li> <li>• Wet Room</li> <li>• Two Bedrooms</li> <li>• Gardens Front and Rear</li> </ul> <b>£163,000</b>                                                                                                      | <b>Lydiat</b><br><br><b>Aragon Close</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Bedroom Semi Detached House</li> <li>• Lounge</li> <li>• Kitchen Dining Room</li> <li>• Bathroom</li> <li>• Gardens front and Rear,</li> <li>• Garage</li> </ul> <b>£155,000</b>                                                                                      |
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## Tayo Aluko brings history to life

Report by  
Dan Windham

AWARD winning play 'Call Mr Robeson', stunned audiences after being showcased at the Atkinson on Thursday, September 12.

Devised by Tayo Aluko, the play depicts the remarkable life of actor, singer and civil rights activist Paul Robeson and his inspiring struggle

against racial inequality.

Mr Aluko produces a majestic portrayal of Robeson's radical activism against the American establishment through fiery oration and moving song numbers.

"I remember checking out a book on him from Liverpool Central Library after singing one of his songs at the summer solstice in 1995," Mr Aluko explained.

"I read it and it blew my mind. I just thought 'there's a story to be

told here' and, in 2005, I started writing the play myself under guidance from some experienced directors."

Mr Aluko wonderfully reconstructs Robeson's rising profile resulting from his acting and singing until he finds his political voice, criticising racial discrimination.

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## Cats returns to Liverpool

ONE of the longest-running shows in West End and Broadway history, CATS will come to The Liverpool Empire from November 26 to December 7.

Based on T. S. Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, Andrew Lloyd Webber's record-breaking adaptation CATS is directed by Trevor Nunn, with choreography by Gillian Lynne and set and costume design by John Napier. Re-creating the direction and choreography for the tour is Chrissie Cartwright. The production includes one of Andrew Lloyd Webber's most memorable musical scores.

On just one special night of the year, all Jellicle cats meet at the Jellicle Ball where Old Deuteronomy, their wise and benevolent leader, makes the Jellicle choice and announces which of them will go up to the heaveside layer and be reborn into a whole new Jellicle life.

Music, dance and verse fuse together in a blend of fantasy, drama and romance.

CATS opened at the New London Theatre on May 11 1981 and played almost 9,000 performances. It closed on May 11 2002 having celebrated 21 record-breaking years and winning an Olivier Award for Best Musical (1981). On Broadway it was the winner of seven Tony

Awards (including Best Musical and Best Director) and ran for an amazing 18 years making it second only to "THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" as Broadway's longest running musical.

CATS continues to be a worldwide musical phenomenon; to date CATS remains one of the world's longest running musicals and has been seen by over 50 million people. It has enchanted audiences in over 300 cities in 26 countries around the world and has been performed in at least 10 different languages. CATS was last seen in the UK in 2008 where it enjoyed a successful tour playing to sell-out audiences across the country. Back by popular demand, the memory of CATS returns with the 2013 tour.

CATS has featured some of this country's most famous stage performers including Elaine Paige ('Grizabella'), Wayne Sleep ('Mungojerrie'), Bonnie Langford ('Rumpleteazer'), Paul Nicholas ('Rum Tum Tugger'), Brian Blessed ('Old Deuteronomy'), Sarah Brightman ('Jemima') and Rosemarie Ford ('Bombalurina' & 'Grizabella').

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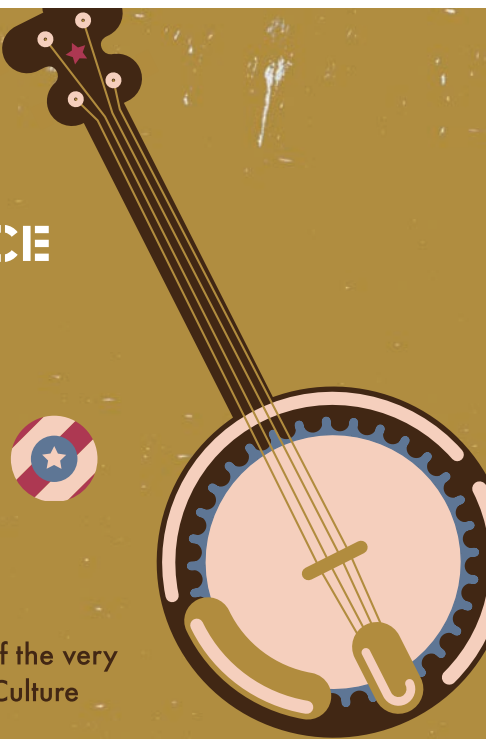
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### YATES Joseph

9th September  
2013

*Aged 86 years at  
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Patricia. Brother in law  
of Bill, Sheila & Jean.  
Uncle to Lincoln, Wendy,  
Susan & Paul, Stephanie  
Michael & Diane. Funeral  
service took place at  
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September. There were  
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### McCULLEY Sarah

20th September 2005

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### DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked  
for many favours.  
This time I ask for  
one special favour.  
(mention it)

Take it dear heart of  
Jesus and place it  
within your own broken  
heart where your Father  
sees it. Then in his  
merciful eyes it will  
become your favour,  
not mine.

Amen

*Say this prayer for  
three days, promise  
publication and your  
favour will be granted.  
Never to be failed.*

**P.Mc.**

## PRAYER

### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of  
Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of  
the Son of God, Immaculate  
Virgin, assist me in this  
necessity, O Star of the Sea,  
help me and show me herein  
you are my Mother, O Holy Mary  
Mother of God, Queen of Heaven  
and Earth, I humbly beseech you  
from the bottom of my heart to  
succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand  
your powers. Mary, conceived  
without sin, pray for us who have  
recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in  
your hands (3 times).

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me and mine. **Y.W.**

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Never to be failed.*

**K.T.**

### Saint Jude's Novena

*May the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus be glorified, loved and  
preserved throughout the  
world now and forever.*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
pray for us, St. Jude worker  
of miracles pray for us.  
St. Jude, helper of the  
hopeless pray for us.*

*Say this prayer 9 times a day.  
By the 8th day your prayers  
may be answered.*

*Say it for 9 days and it  
has never been known to fail.*

**Publication must be promised.  
Thank you St. Jude**

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days. Do this at the same time each  
day, never skip a day. If you do, you  
need to start over again. On the 9th  
day give thanks, and say "So be it."  
Give it up to Saint Jude and let go  
of any worry. You will see results in  
72 hours. Never use this prayer to  
manipulate or control anyone. Use it only  
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This is the most important part of  
the entire process YOU MUST pass  
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people publish it in the paper, others  
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The following applications have been made to Sefton Council:

|                      |                                                                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Applicant/Ref</b> | Mr Johnson, S/2013/1003                                                    |
| <b>Address</b>       | Waterloo Motor Company,<br>1 Waterloo Road, Waterloo                       |
| <b>Proposal</b>      | Retention of raised roof and new door<br>opening with roller shutter doors |

This site lies within the Christ Church Conservation area.

You can look at the application on our website at [www.sefton.gov.uk/planapps](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/planapps). Alternatively you can contact us to arrange to view the plans at Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 3NJ (telephone 0151 934 3568) between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm (Monday to Thursday) and 8.30am to 4pm (Friday). If you have any comments about the application please complete our online form at [www.sefton.gov.uk/planapps](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/planapps), or write to me at Magdalen House within 21 days of the date of the publication of this Notice.

*J Gowing, Head of Planning Services, Magdalen House,  
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**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SEAFORTH VALE WEST,  
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Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, not less than seven days from the publication of this Notice, intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Seaforth Vale West. Seaforth between its junctions with Seaforth Vale North and Seaforth Road to enable sewer repair works to be carried out. The proposed Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. The works are due to commence on Tuesday 1st October, 2013 and are expected to take up to seven days to complete. Access will be maintained for the Emergency Services and where possible for residents.

#### Alternative Route

The diversion route for all traffic will be via: Seaforth Road, Lime Grove, Seaforth Vale North and vice versa.

#### New Traffic Regulation Orders

On 19th September 2013, Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council made the following Orders under Sections 1(1) and

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(2), 2(1) and 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, subject to the exemptions in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, and Regulation 3 of the Road Traffic exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011. The effect of making the Traffic Regulation Orders will not alter the details of the existing Orders relating to the streets in the schedule below. The Orders will come into operation on 1st January 2014.

Copies of the Orders and relevant maps may be inspected at the offices of Sefton Council in either Magdalen House, Trinity Road, Bootle; or Town Hall, Lord Street, Southport, during normal office hours.

Any person who desires to question the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that they are not within the powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Orders, may within the six weeks from 19th September 2013 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

#### SCHEDULE

**THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON (VARIOUS  
ROADS) (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) (No.2) ORDER, 2013**

To reduce a section where national speed limit applies to a 30mph speed limit on those roads listed below:

Edge Lane, Sefton  
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**METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON ROAD TRAFFIC  
REGULATION ACT, 1984, SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BRICKWALL LANE, THORNTON**

On 19th September 2013, Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Brickwall Lane, Thornton between its junctions with Buckley Hill Lane and Rectory Green to enable carriageway patching / resurfacing works to be carried out. The Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. The works are due to commence on Monday 23rd September, 2013 between 09.30 hours and 15.30 hours and will take up to two weeks to complete. Access will be maintained for the Emergency Services and where possible for residents.

#### Alternative Route

The diversion route for all traffic will be via: Brickwall Lane, Sefton Lane, Liverpool Road South, A59 Northway, Switch Island, A5036 Dunningbridge Road, A5207 Northern Perimeter Road and vice versa.

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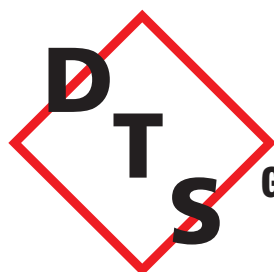
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Firwood Bootle's campaign ended with a disappointing 124 run defeat at Lytham, but they still finished fifth in the table qualifying for next season's Lancashire Cup. Lytham amassed 226 for 8 declared after 62 overs and bundled Bootle out for 122 in 36.4 overs. Stephen Parry 3 for 68, Will Purser 3 for 78, Glenn Atken 36 and Adam Burton 20 played the worthiest roles for the Wadham Road outfit. Jordan Evans with 484 was

Bootle's leading run scorer in the league and Will Purser capturing 56 wickets took the honours with the ball.

Maghull and Fleetwood Hesketh played out a draw. The hosts posted 252-5 dec thanks to Donovan Pell (85), Greg Gillespie (61\*) and Chris Barlow (55, with Adnan Malik passing 50 wickets for the season. In reply a century partnership from openers Neil Rimmer (85) and Lee Rimmer (55) gave the visitors hope, but they finished on 219-9 with Jack Snowdon taking 5-77. Sunday's rearranged game between Hightown and Ormskirk fell victim to the weather.

Northern's won the Lancashire Knockout Final at Old Trafford against Bamford Fieldhouse on Sunday ended 5-2 in a bowl out.

## Marine's cup run ends at first hurdle

Marine 2  
Curzon Ashton 4

MARINE fell at the first hurdle in this year's FA Cup as a bright start to a game melting away as the visitors scored with their first two attacks of the game.

New signing Jamie Morton started well with two strong shots, the first cannoning off a team mate and the second going over the top of the bar, Andy Fowler seeing another shot flash wide of the far post.

Curzon opened the scoring in the 16th minute, a ball across the edge of the home box finding Simon Lakeland in space to fire a low shot inside Callum Williams' right hand post.

Four minutes later Matthew Warburton was given the freedom of the park to bear down on goal, before drawing Williams and clipping the

ball past the advancing gloveman. Marine fought back well, a corner coming back in to the box for Sam Barnes to grab his first goal for the club by tucking the ball past Hakan Burton from close range.

Chris McDonagh forced Williams to make a sharp save as he looked to convert a cross from the right as the sides went in to the interval with the visitors 2-1 up.

Marine concede free kicks in dangerous positions and were made to pay on 49 minutes, Lakeland putting dipping shot over the wall which flew past Williams' despairing dive.

Marine reduced the arrears again seven minutes later, MJ Monaghan finding Will Jones in space to finish.

Monaghan came close to levelling late on with a shot across the face of goal before the visitors wrapped up the tie through Warburton.

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## Bucks battle back to earn cup replay

Workshop 1 Bootle 1

BOOTLE bounced back from a goal conceded just after half time to earn a well deserved draw.

An even first half saw the sides tied 0-0 at the break but Workshop took the lead four minutes after the restart when a corner was fired deep into the

penalty area and Tom Denton beat the backtracking Bootle keeper Porter to head home the opener.

Bootle's Tom Peterson came close with a half volley on the turn that flew just over the bar.

Four minutes later the Workshop goal survived a goalmouth scramble, and then Jay Riley's shot hit the post with

the keeper beaten. In the end Bootle pressure produced a reward and with three minutes to go they got a deserved equaliser. Workshop's Kern Miller was penalised for handball in the box, and Sean Miller stepped up to send keeper Hallam the wrong way and despatch the spot kick into the bottom left hand corner.

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The most important thing to remember is not to stress about anything and let the professionals do what they are good at. They are well versed in the world of weddings and know exactly what they are doing and what needs to be done in time for your big day.

This guide should put many of your worries aside and allow you to relax and enjoy the build up to your wedding, after all, it is a once in a lifetime experience.

wedding planner to take away some of the stress. They will be able to advise you on the choices available, and point out ideas you may not have considered.

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The first, most important, step is to set your budget. It is hard to make any decisions without knowing how much you have to spend.

Also decide early if your wedding will have a theme. It is normal to have a colour theme for flowers and bridesmaids, and sometimes guests are requested to dress in keeping with the theme.

You could choose an historical theme, such as medieval or 1920s, or a country theme, such as oriental dress or Moroccan style.

Wedding planner Anna Jackson of *A Touch of Klass* says: "My job is wonderful, I have made some great friends as I really bond with the bride, although grooms are fast becoming more and more involved in arrangements in recent times.

"The biggest hurdle is often the dress. In the bridal wear world the dresses are always bigger sizes - so if you're a size 12 the dress that fits you will probably be a size 16. It's sometimes difficult to explain to bride-to-be's that they are still the same size, the dresses are just very, very small sizes. I've had to cut out so many labels on dresses for the bride once it's been ordered. They don't want anyone to see the size."

Even something as seemingly straightforward as the invitations involves a lot of decisions. Will you send out save the date cards first? Will you send a menu or information sheet with the invitations? Will you send a reply card or stamped addressed envelope?

Also decide who will be invited to the ceremony, the wedding breakfast, and the evening event if you have one.

Ensure you include a deadline date for people to reply - and the method of how they should reply. It is not unreasonable to ask for replies within a week.

### WHERE TO START

It is hard work planning a wedding - the flowers, the photography, the venue, the outfits, the invitations...the list of tasks goes on and on.

It has been reported that the time it takes to organise the average wedding equates to a full-time job for six months.

Each bride and groom-to-be wants every detail of their day to be perfect - from the colour of the ribbon in the bridesmaid's hair to the colour of the flowers in the bride's bouquet.

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## The Venue

This will be probably your single biggest expense and arguably the most important element to your wedding.

Some people feel that getting married in a church is very important and want to make their way to the reception venue afterwards, some feel that they would prefer to get married at the reception venue itself and many places offer this. One of the most important things to think about is whether you want to have a lot of your reception outside. British weather is very unpredictable but this is still a very popular option.

In this case, castles, stately homes and country hotels are great options as they have a lot of outside space, but make sure that your venue also has a suitable area inside for guests to gather before they are seated.

If being outside doesn't matter that much to you then a city centre hotel can work and if you do fancy some wedding photos against a beautiful backdrop of greenery, local gardens or parks will lend themselves well.

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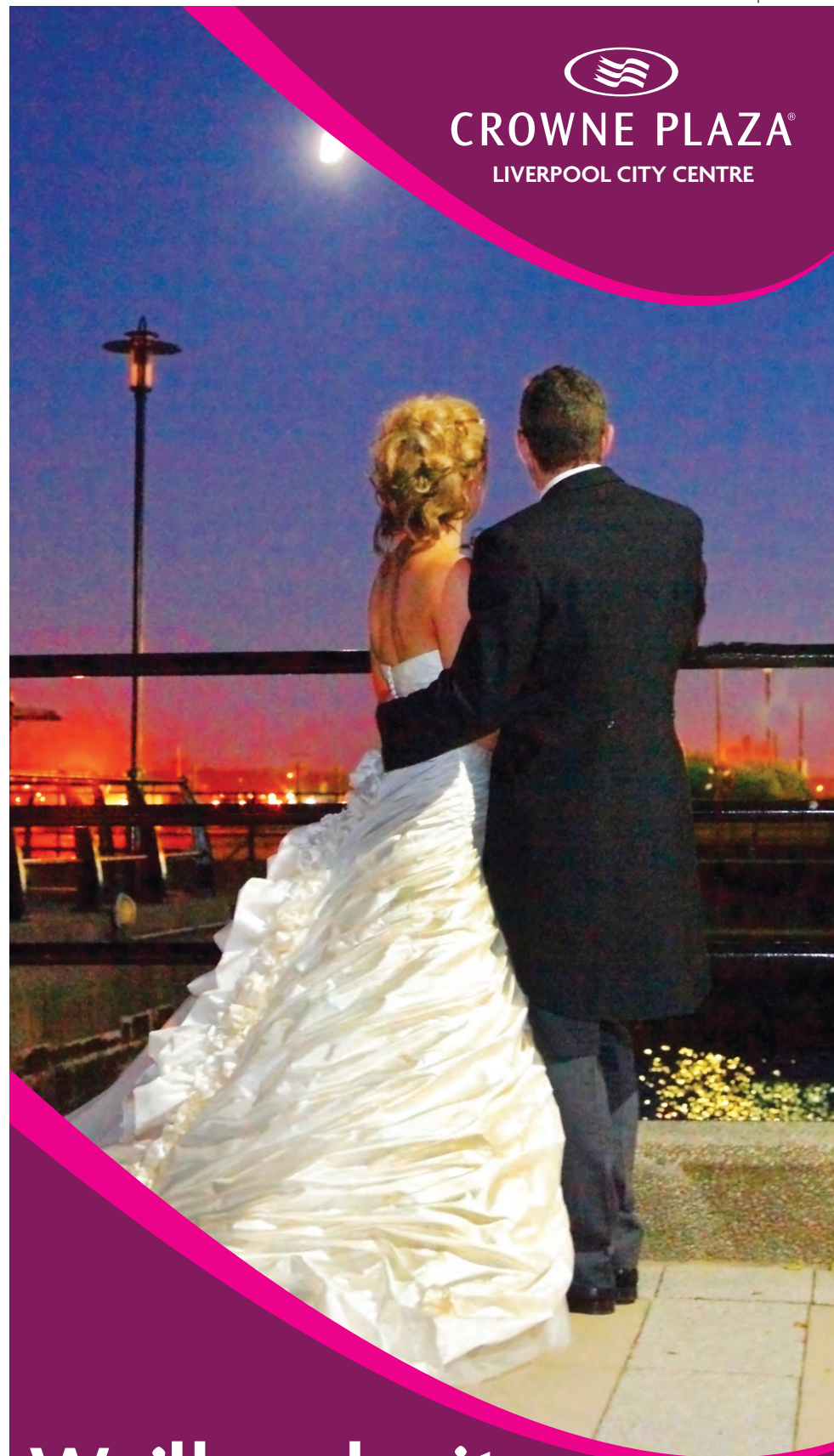
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## The Food

The food is another extremely important element to your day and one which you should think about carefully before committing to a menu. The first thing to consider is whether the food will be provided by your venue or an outside caterer. If you have your reception at a hotel, chances are they will insist on supplying the food which can sometimes be an advantage as you will have no outside caterers to organise and keep an eye on.

If you decide to have your wedding in a country house or a marquee in the grounds, you may need to consider outside caterers. Meet with several and sample all their food until you have decided on one which suits your budget and tastes.

When catering for your guests it is very difficult to meet everyone's varying tastes but as long as you stick with food that is not too strong in taste or an acquired taste everyone should be happy. The origin of the term 'wedding breakfast' is debated – some say it comes from the tradition of the bride and groom fasting before the ceremony, others believe it comes from being the first meal of married

life, as breakfast is the first meal of the day.

If you are planning an evening reception as well – normally for a larger number of guests who have not all attended the breakfast – don't forget that while you may still be full from the earlier dinner, your new guests will be hungry and will expect a good spread.

As always finance comes into play and first of all people must decide when they are to hold their reception, and must choose whether it will be in the morning, afternoon, or evening.

After you have decided on the time of the reception you can start thinking about the type of menu you want.

For those couples who want to tie the knot at 12pm there is the lunchtime option.

This allows you to have drinks, then a sit down meal with a set menu, for example.

Once you have decided on the time of the reception and the menu, you must get a quote for the cost of the food per head.

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## The Reception

When you have decided on your venue, the next big decision is to put together your wedding reception.

Your reception will be a combination of several other elements including the flowers, food and entertainment.

Think of the order you want things done in, many couples now have the speeches first to spare the men of the family any nerves during the meal and consider whether or not you to cut the cake and serve it or just take it home with you - both are completely acceptable!

When it comes to the wedding breakfast, most couples will keep it

traditional and serve it around five o'clock.

This gives everyone time to sit down, have a chat and await the bride and groom who will spend a good few hours having photos taken before they even arrive at the venue.

Usually, whoever is the events planner at the venue will organise everything for you from the name tags on the tables to serving wine, providing a toastmaster and clearing the tables away for the evening.

Your reception will play a huge part in your wedding and so should run perfectly smoothly for you.



## The Flowers

When brides get engaged and start planning their wedding, many start thinking about themes and colours for their big day.

The flowers play a big part in that and with so many options to choose from it can seem like a minefield.

Your theme will shape your entire wedding and once you have chosen your flowers you can think about the other aspects of your wedding décor such as the tables and pew displays.

Think about when and where your wedding is taking place and choose flowers which will be in season at your wedding location at the time you are getting married.

This means they are automatically cheaper as they will be more readily available and they will hopefully look healthier and last longer as they won't have been artificially grown, frozen or spent hours being transported.

If you are considering a spring wedding, flowers such as carnations, freesias, roses, tulips and lilies are all available in the UK.

Summer sees chrysanthemums, freesias, gerberas, gypsophila, and hydrangeas.

An autumn wedding has the use of acacia, carnations, sunflowers, marigolds, dahlia and calla lilies and a frosty winter wedding sees hyacinths, hydrangeas, euphorbia, amaryllis and anemone.

When choosing a florist, recommendations are the best way to find a reputable one.

Ask around friends, families and even work colleagues and see who they used and why.

If someone has done a good job for one bride, it is likely they will do a good one for you too.

One of the most important considerations is the bride's bouquet, her bridesmaids flowers and the buttonholes.

Take time to discuss this with your florist and discuss how the bouquets can be complimented by the overall theme.

The bride's bouquet should be a bit special so talk to them about the possibility of adding little diamantés in there or using flowers which are not found in any of the other bouquets.

The bride's bouquet must stand out and be as special as the lady herself!



## The Cake

Your cake will be at the forefront of many of your wedding photos and will be one of the visual elements of your reception. Because of the traditional of 'the cutting of the cake', it will also feature heavily in the days timetable and not something guests are likely to forget any time soon. There are all types of wedding cakes, from large traditional ones to just a single layered cake, there are lots of different decisions to be made. Couples should decide how big their cake is by how many guests they have coming.

The flavour of the cake is also important. If you have chosen to have a large layered cake then each tier could be different. Flavours may include anything from vanilla, to chocolate fudge to the traditional fruit mix with

soft icing on top. Sometimes couples decide to keep one of the tiers from the wedding cake for a christening.

Icing is normally white or light cream colour. But in modern weddings couples are deciding to have the same colour for the wedding cake icing as the wedding theme. Sugar and flour, or rich cream cheese can be used as the icing recipe.

It is also very common now to opt for a cake made up of small cupcakes allowing each guest an individual cake of their own. The best thing to do is go and see several cake makers and have a look at their portfolios. They are bound to give you some inspiration and by having a starting point, you can then advise the decorator how you would like yours.



## The Bridesmaids

It is considered a great honour to be asked to be bridesmaid at someone's wedding and something that many women take very seriously.

As well as making sure the bride is fine on her special day it is also up to the bridesmaids to arrange the all important hen night.

Bridesmaids often choose their best friends and close female family members to be their bridesmaids and they can be of any age.

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Young children are often referred to as 'flowers girls' and older women who are married take the name 'matron of honour' but they all fulfil the same duties.

It is accepted that the bride chooses what the bridesmaids are going to wear and they all normally wear the same or similar outfits.

Smaller bridesmaids normally throw confetti ahead of the bride either down the aisle or when the happy couple exit the registry office or church.



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## The Dress

Many brides would argue that forgetting the venue and food, this is the most important part of their wedding. A wedding dress will hold so many memories and with eyes all on the bride on her special day, what she is wearing has to be extremely special. It is also the dress that will be in all the wedding photos and shown to friends and relatives for years to come. Buying a dress can be extremely stressful for a bride to be, especially if she finds several that she loves or none at all!

From an elegant figure-hugging gown to a full-on meringue, the possibilities are endless, and of course, are all a matter of taste. A bride needs the perfect gown that will ensure she looks her best, reflect her personality and will still look stunning when looking back on wedding photos in years to come. Many women spend years searching for their wedding dress, but as soon as they see it they will know it is 'the one'.

Bridal shops, wedding fayres and magazines are a great starting point. Bridal shop assistants are used to the fitting process and can give un-biased advice on what silhouettes and colours will suit you. As with any dress, certain styles will enhance particular body shapes. For example, an A-line dress can hide broad hips and a 'mermaid' shape creates height for petite brides. If you're struggling to find your ideal dress, there

is always the option to have your own bespoke style created - if you can afford it.

Celebrity weddings can often influence popular choices (perhaps with the exception of Jordan's pink loo-roll-cover creation), but classic looks never go out of fashion. Coloured gowns have increased in popularity recently as attitudes towards the traditional marriage ceremony become more relaxed. Red, gold and black gowns do not even raise an eyebrow these days, but the classic white or ivory dress still reigns supreme.

The cost of a gown should not be off-putting, because a beautiful dress can be found to suit most budgets.

There is also more of a trend these days to wear vintage dresses or family heirlooms. It is not uncommon for brides to find their dream dress in a charity shop. A mother's or grandmother's wedding dress can be altered or embellished to suit a modern day bride. With a good eye and some flare a bride can create her own stunning creation that is truly unique.

Also keep in mind bridal lingerie and ensure that this will suit the dress. For example, a lacy bra may appear lumpy under a sheer silk dress. A beautiful, well suited dress will ensure you exude confidence on your wedding day and all the stress of finding it will be worth it to see your husband-to-be's jaw hit the floor.

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## The Groom

It used to be the bride's mother who would go along with her to view flowers, look at venues, pick out stationery and organise the reception seating plan. But tradition has faded somewhat over the decades, and the husband-to-be is becoming much more involved with the organisation of the big day.

With many couples now paying for weddings themselves rather than turning to their parents, and many setting up home together before the wedding, it's easy to see why the men are so much more involved.

There is now a huge range of clothing options for the groom on the big day including tails, dinner suit, three quarter length jacket suits and even a suit jacket with an open neck shirt. Tails are really smart, but lots of men just don't feel comfortable wearing them, so the three-quarter length suit is great. It will carry on any size, shape or age - from children to granddad's.

As with the bride, grooms should pick an outfit to flatter their figure and make sure they feel comfortable on the day. For example, men with larger waistlines should avoid drawing attention to them with a cummerbund and opt for a more slimming vest. Shorter men should avoid double-breasted suits and long jackets, as these will not be flattering. So there you have it gents - groom yourselves for your wedding day - take some spotlight off the dress

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## The Hair & Make-up

Hair and make-up is a very important aspect of the wedding day but quite a modern convention. Years ago brides would do their own hair and makeup but now many spend weeks getting pampered before the big day. False nails and spray tans are also an integral part to factor in for many so they look their best.

There are so many options to choose from when deciding on the right wedding hairstyle; be it pinned up or left down, curly or straight, so it's a good idea to look for inspiration in magazines and on the internet beforehand.

The style must complement your outfit, reflect your personality and fit in with how you will wear your chosen veil or tiara. Jewels, beads or flowers can also be added to French plaits or curls for a unique look or a touch of sparkle.

Once you've decided on your ideal style, don't wait until the wedding and hope for the best. Always have a trial run well in advance to make sure it will work out as planned.

Make-up must also complement the rest of your look. To help achieve a flawless complexion, take care of your skin ahead of the big day. Try to take time out and relax during the build-up. Pre-wedding nerves and stress over the preparations can lead to the appearance of pimples. As with hair, it is advisable to have a make-up trial in advance. Trials work best in daylight to find the perfect tones and colours to suit your complexion and wedding theme. On the day, leave the make-up until your hairstyle is complete, so that your face looks as fresh as possible when you walk down the aisle.

## The Seating Plan

The seating plan can sometimes be more difficult than you first think and you will first need to wait until you have all the replies as to which guests will be attending. While it is not strictly necessary to assign seats to guests, it is normally expected and helps the day run more smoothly. It also avoids families being split up or people being seated along with others they may not know.

A seating chart is generally posted on a board or table near the entrance to the reception, or escort cards can be printed and given to each guest with their name and table and seat number. The advantage of these is they can be changed up to the last minute, whereas a seating chart will need to be printed in advance.

It is a nice idea to give 'names' to your tables instead of numbers. These can have a theme, for example gemstones or cartoon characters.

Generally it is best to sit families and work colleagues together, but avoid having a table of 'leftovers' who don't

know anyone else - it is best to distribute these guests evenly. Some couples like to have a male-female-male-female seating arrangement for variety, but this is not always practical.

The wedding party sit at the top table, which generally takes the form of a long table with seats along one side. Sometimes it is on a raised platform. Traditionally the groom sits to the right of the bride, and places alternate male-female. Partners of the best man and chief bridesmaid sit at other tables. A typical line-up could be chief bridesmaid, groom's father, bride's mother, groom, bride, bride's father, groom's mother, best man. If it is a second marriage, children from previous relationships may also sit at the top table. If the parents of the bride or groom have divorced and remarried it probably isn't a good idea to put them and their new partners together on the top table. One solution is to invite some family of the step-parent and put them together on a separate table near the top table.



## The Rings

Hopefully the most important piece of jewellery, the engagement ring, was organised a while ago alongside the proposal and so only the wedding rings are left to choose. From a simple gold band to a diamond encrusted platinum ring, the possibilities are endless but the most important thing to remember is that it is a sign of your commitment to each other. The band symbolises everlasting love and is traditionally worn on the third finger of the left hand. Ancient Egyptians believed that this finger contained the "vena amoris", the vein of love, that runs directly to the heart.

Many couples choose a wedding set of matching engagement ring, wedding band and eternity ring, but it is more common, with people choosing to have longer engagements, to buy separate rings. Start the search by deciding what will go well with the engagement ring. The gold colours should match and the carat weights

should be the same, otherwise a purer gold ring would wear down a less pure one worn next to it.

Simple gold bands are the classic choice, but many variations on this style are now available. White gold has soared in popularity over recent years and is now the colour of choice for many younger couples because of its versatility when wearing other colours. Diamond studded bands are becoming popular, but ensure they do not clash or detract from the engagement ring. Patterned and Celtic style bands are also widely available.

Dual-coloured bands are becoming a fashionable choice, with a smaller band of white gold on a yellow base being a popular current style. Couples often decide to have a personal message, or initials, engraved on the inside of their wedding band, this gives a personal and romantic individual twist, but if you choose this option it is better to go for a wider wedding band.

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# The Traditions

The tradition of the bride wearing "something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue" dates from Victorian times. Something old refers to an item that represents a link with the bride's 'old' life.

Often this will be a piece of family jewellery or a dress worn by a mother or grandmother. Something new is said to bring good luck, happiness and success. This could be the wedding dress, if bought new.

Something borrowed, normally something that has been worn by another bride at a happy wedding, ensures good luck, this could be a trinket, hankie, or item of clothing.

The something blue dates from ancient Israel, where the bride wore a blue ribbon to symbolise fidelity.

Nowadays a bride will often wear a blue-trimmed garter.

## OLD WIVES' TALES

There are a wealth of old wives' tales and superstitions associated with weddings:

■ It used to be considered unlucky for a woman to marry a man whose surname began with the same letter as hers, as set out in the rhyme: "To change the name and not the letter, is to change for the worst and not the better."

■ It is thought unlucky for the groom to see the bride in her wedding dress before the ceremony and it is also unlucky for the bride to make her own wedding dress.

■ The bride should not wear her

entire outfit before the wedding day. Some brides leave a final stitch on the dress undone until it is time to leave for the ceremony so as not to jinx the wedding.

■ When the bride is ready to leave for the wedding, a final look in the mirror is said to bring good luck. However returning to the mirror once the journey has begun, will result in bad luck.

■ Seeing a chimney sweep on the way to a wedding is thought to bring good luck and many couples still hire one to attend marriage ceremonies.

Other good luck omens when seen on the way to a wedding include lambs, toads, spiders, black cats and rainbows.

■ Several wedding traditions involve shoes. The best known, which is still carried out today, is to tie shoes to the back of the married couple's car.

This has evolved from a Tudor custom where guests would throw shoes at the newlywed couple. It was considered lucky if they or their carriage were hit.

■ Another lesser-known tradition is for the father of the bride to give the groom a pair of the bride's shoes to symbolise the passing of responsibility for the daughter to her new husband.

A variation of the custom is for the groom to tap the bride on the forehead with one of the shoes to assert his dominance.

■ The custom of the bride throwing her bouquet over her shoulder originally involved her throwing one of her shoes.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commence a wedding planning diary                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Order flowers for reception and ceremony                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book church or wedding venue                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Order flowers for bride and bridesmaids                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book and organise reception                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Order corsages for the two mothers                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange caterers if necessary                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Order buttonholes for groom, best man, ushers and guests                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make guest list                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Book photographer and/or video                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Order printed wedding invitations and other stationery | <input type="checkbox"/> Organise the cake                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buy rings                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange transport for bride to the ceremony (to the reception is the groom's responsibility) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compile gift list                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange transport for main wedding party and other guests                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plan and select bride's gown                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Record replies to wedding invitations                                                        |
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